

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for lighting in a building structure comprising:

a lighting fixture having at least two lamps;

a one-piece layer having a plurality of holes aligned with the respective lamps through which light from the lamps pass, the layer fitting into the building structure and defining a seam between the building structure and the layer, the holes having edges which are straight, or edges which angle inwards or edges which angle outwards, the edges extending inwardly toward the fixture from a front surface of the layer, the layer having a smooth flat front surface; and

spackle disposed over the seam between the building structure and the layer to cover any evidence of the seam and define a clean flat face across the building structure and the layer.

Claim 2 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 1 wherein the layer has a front surface and a back surface, and the layer has a shield extending from the back surface disposed about each hole, the lamps are position at a desired depth in the shields.

Claim 3 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 2 wherein the fixture includes a housing which holds the lamps.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): An apparatus as described in Claim 3 including tape that is positioned on the building structure and the layer to hold the layer to the building structure.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An apparatus as described in Claim 5 ~~wherein the merging means includes~~ including a universal mounting bracket to mount the layer to the building structure.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): An apparatus as described in Claim ~~[[7]]~~ 6 including a transformer connected to the lamps and a junction box for providing electricity to the lamps.

Claim 9 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 8 wherein the fixture includes gimbal rings in which the lamps are disposed.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): An apparatus as described in Claim ~~[[10]]~~ 9 wherein the holes are symmetrical or asymmetrical.

Claims 12 and 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A panel as described in Claim ~~[[10]]~~ 9 wherein the layer is made of glass, plaster of paris, corian, marble, granite, wood, metal or ceramic.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method of lighting a building comprising the steps of:

placing a one-piece panel having holes on a lighting fixture having lamps so the holes align with the lamps and light from the lamps can pass through the holes, the holes having edges which are straight, or edges which angle inwards or edges which angle outwards, the edges extending inwardly toward the fixture from a front surface of the layer, the layer having a smooth flat outer face of the layer;

fitting the panel into the building structure;

securing the panel to the building structure so the load of the panel is supported by the building structure; and

spackling over a seam defined between the panel and the building structure to cover any evidence of the seam to define a clean flat face across the building structure and the layer.

Claim 16 (original): A method as described in Claim 15 including the step of adjusting the height of lamps in shields of the panel about the holes.

Claim 17 (previously presented) A method as described in Claim 16 wherein the spackling step includes the step of taping over a seam between the panel and the building structure and spackling over the tape.

Claims 18 and 19 (canceled)